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All-Day Forum Gives Public a Chance to Learn About, Comment on Planned Delta Projects

STOCKTON - Residents, community leaders and representatives of local agencies can learn about and comment on ambitious flood-control, water-quality and ecosystem projects in the Delta region at an all-day forum Jan. 15 at the Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium.

The forum is intended to bring stakeholders and the public up to date on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and its sweeping strategy to improve water supplies and the health of the Bay-Delta watershed. Speakers will focus on how CALFED agencies are implementing projects in the Delta region in an integrated manner. The forum is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium's South Hall, 252 N. Central St., Stockton.

Those attending can bring their own lunches, or they can purchase a box lunch when they register. Dennis G. Majors, CALFED's Delta implementation manager, said the forum will include presentations and discussions on such regional efforts as:

The South Delta Improvement Program

- The Tracy Fish Test Facility
- Actions to improve water quality in Old River and Rock Slough
- The San Joaquin River Recirculation Feasibility Study
- North Delta flood control and ecosystem restoration efforts
- Water-quality studies for the Stockton Deep Water Channel.

Visit the <u>CALFED Web site's Calendar section at http://calfed.water.ca.gov/calendar.html</u> for a detailed announcement and agenda.

"Over the past year, people have had opportunities to comment through a variety of meetings focusing on individual projects and programs in the Delta," Majors said. "The Delta Regional Outreach Forum will bring together all these individual projects and programs to emphasize how their integration will produce multiple benefits to the region."

For more information about the Delta Regional Outreach Forum, contact Tony Frisbee, CALFED's Delta representative, at (916) 240-8433.

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